Funds for construction of flyovers and roads

868. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Urban Development Fund for Delhi is sanctioned to the State Government for construction of flyovers and roads;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some amount of the above fund is being utilised for development of tourist spots;

(c) if so, the reasons for such diversion;

(d) whether Government would compensate the State Government accordingly for facilitating the permissible activities.

(e) if so, the time by when the amount would be released;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) The Urban Development Fund is utilized for augmenting of services and on scheme/projects, aimed at improvement of quality of life in the City of Delhi and those that are not normally covered under any other funds. The projects sanctioned under the Fund include construction of flyovers roads, rehabilitation of slums, development of greens etc. through various agencies *viz.* DDA, CPWD, MCD, Slum & JJ, HUDCO etc.

(b) and (c) Funds have, *inter-alia,* been sanctioned for development of following parks and green areas as under:

(i) Re-development of Rajghat and its surroundings (Rs. 9.07 crores)

(ii) Deen Dayal Upadhaya Parak Phase-I & II in Rouse Avenue (Rs. in 5 crores).

(iii) Development of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Part at Model Town, Delhi (Rs. 50.53 lakhs).

(iv) Development of Greens (Indraprastha Nagri) along the river Yamuna (Rs. 50 crores).

(d) to (f) The Urban Development Fund is administered by Central Government and operated by Delhi Development Authority (DDA).There has been no diversion of funds and hence the question of compensating the State Government does not arise.

Study of Municipal Finance in small and medium towns

869. SHRI C.P.THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of the study conducted by the Delhi based N.G.O. participatory Research in Asia on the Municipal Finance in the small and medium towns in the Country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to undertake suitable steps to enhance the financial structure of the local self bodies as recommended by the study;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) The Delhi-based NGO, Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA), has neither submitted any study report on the "Municipal Finance in small and medium towns in the country" to this Ministry nor informed about the recommendations made in the study report.

(b) to (e) Question does not arise in view of reply to part (a) part above.

Lease hold deeds of DDA Flats

870. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1223 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd March, 2003 and state: